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ANTHROPOLOGIST TO DISCUSS ETHNIC IDENTITY AT UM

MISSOULA --

Anthropology Professor James Vigil, director of ethnic studies at the University of Southern California, will give a free public lecture on ethnic identity Monday evening, March 22, at The University of Montana.

Vigil's lecture, "Unraveling Ethnic Identity: A Re-examination of Chicano Ethnohistory," will begin at 7 p.m. in the Urey Lecture Hall. Earlier Monday, he will lead a round-table discussion about gangs in Los Angeles from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 238 of the Social Science Building. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Vigil is one of the nation's leading scholars on the subjects of gangs and the Hispanic experience in America, UM anthropology Associate Professor Greg Campbell said. He is a research fellow at USC's Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies and a fellow at the National Center for Gang Policy. The League of United Latin American Citizens gave him its Educator of the Year Award in 1990.

His books include 1984's "From Indians to Chicanos: A Sociocultural History" and 1988's "Barrio Gangs: Street Life and Identity in Southern California." His latest book, "Rainbow Gangs: Breakdown of Social Control in Los Angeles," is in progress.

Vigil's UM visit is sponsored by the University's anthropology department and Visiting Scholars Program.

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Editors, news directors and reporters: Vigil will be in Missoula until Tuesday afternoon. To arrange an interview or for more information, call Greg Campbell, 243-2478.

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